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VTEP UPDATE

We will be saying good bye to 29 brothers and sisters who have accepted the VTEP, at the end of their shifts on Friday (4-17-09). We would like to congratulate them and wish them well in all they choose to do in the future!!! Make sure you contact **Curt Cherry @ 313-956-9245** if you have any questions about your TAA benefits. **Also, please see article below**

This just in, Work Opportunity: Michigan Works will be accepting employment applications for Marathon Oil Company. These opening are for Michigan and Ohio facilities. Both skilled and non-skilled positions will be available for those wishing to submit applications. **The process to submit the application will be from 9:00am-2:00pm, on Saturday-April 18, 2009, in room 177. They will not accept any applicants after 2:00pm.**

Michigan Works-Service Center, Southgate, MI
15100 Northline Rd. Phone-(734) 362-3466

Catering Truck Update: We still need volunteers for the food committee. We have been getting mixed reviews on our current services. Those involved will have the ability to act as liaisons between the owner/operator of the service and our co-workers. Recommendations for menu items would also be helpful. **Please contact your rep**

Plant Schedule: Dept. 638 will be scheduled for 9 hours for the upcoming week(s). They are also scheduled for 2 Saturdays in May and 3 Saturdays in June. We have been notified the International Union will be monitoring the volume of the 3.3-3.8 line over the next two months.

Dept. 538 will be scheduled 8 hours. They have been tentatively scheduled for 1 down week for the months of May, June, August, Sept. & Dec. July is already scheduled for two weeks for summer shutdown.

Plant Schedule II: If you are moving to a new dept. on 1st shift Monday, the common start time for most departments is 6:00am. Except the following:

522-6:30am

722-may vary due to uncertainty of schedule. Please see your supervisor.

Rumors: Facts or Fiction

We have all been hit with a number of reports from the electronic and print media, regarding Chrysler in general and Trenton Engine in particular. After Thursdays 12:00 noon report by Channel 7, which they reported Trenton Engine and Mack Engine were closing immediately, we contacted both the International Union and Corporate Chrysler LLC. We were told the report was erroneous. We will wait and see what the immediate future brings, as we continue to separate fact from fiction.

Without seeing the latest viability plan between Chrysler LLC and the Department of Treasury, I will go out on a limb and suggest we are not all SACRIFICING EQUALLY. As we see the volume demand for our engines and our membership decrease, we have watched the Senior Management staff at Trenton Engine swell to grotesquely disproportionate numbers.

We have a higher number of Sr. Mgt staff members now than when we had 3500 employees. Soooooo, some obviously haven't received the latest memo, email, fax or text, that we must all sacrifice equally, or Chrysler is running their equivalent of the witness relocation program, with wayward Sr Management staff members being placed at Trenton Engine on the down low. While their pay has not been affected, some of these high paid Manufacturing Managers have been reduced to duties such as Monitor Cop and Potty Patrol. I just wish they could provide the hot towels and mints that you see in the 5 star restaurants. Apparently, they don't have enough to do, or all of our safety, quality and morale issues are directly related to the bathrooms.

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SIDEBAR ARTICLES

This sidebar article was created with a text box. You can use a sidebar article for any information you want to keep separate from other articles or information that highlights an article next to it. These could include a list of contributors, addresses or contact information, a smaller self-contained story, a preview of the next issue, or a calendar of schedule. The example below shows a Calendar of Events.

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It is a good idea to place a small symbol at the end of each article to let the reader know that the article is finished and will not continue onto another page. Position your cursor at the end of the article, click Symbol on the Insert menu, choose the symbol you want, and then click Insert.

BORDERS

You can use page borders and text box borders to change the appearance of your newsletter. Borders on text boxes help keep different articles separate, and can set off sidebar articles from the rest of the page. To change a text box border, select it, double click its edge and choose the Colors and Lines tab in the Format Auto Shape dialog box.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: I would like to change some of the text box shading to improve the print quality. Can that be done?

A: Yes. To change the shading or color of a text box, select it and double click its borders to open the Format Text Box dialog box. Click the colors and lines tab and then choose the new color from the Color drop-down list in the Fill section.

Q: What's the best way to print this newsletter?

A: Print page 2 on the back of page 1. Fold in half and mail with or without an envelope. For best results, use a medium to heavyweight paper. If you're mailing without an envelope, seal with a label.

Q: I would like to use my own clip art. How do I change the art without changing the design?

A: To change a picture, click on the picture, then point to Picture on the Insert menu and click From File. Choose a new picture, and click Insert.

Inserting and Editing Pictures

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You can replace the pictures in this template with your company's art. Select the picture you want to replace, point to Picture in the Insert menu, and click From File. Choose a new picture and then click Insert. Select the Link to File box if you don't want to embed the art in the newsletter. This is a good idea if you need to minimize your file size; embedding a picture adds significantly to the size of the file.

To edit a picture, click on it to activate the Picture toolbar. You can use this toolbar to adjust brightness and contrast,

Choose a new picture, and click the Link to File box if you don't want to save the art with the newsletter.

change line properties and crop the image. For more detailed editing, double-click on the graphic to activate the drawing layer. ■

Q: How do I change the text and borders that appear at the bottom of every page?

A: Click Headers and Footers on the View menu. Use the Header and Footer toolbar to navigate among headers and footers, insert date or time, or format the page numbers. To change the text in the footer, select it and type your new text. To change the border, click Borders and Shading on the Format menu.

Q: Can I save a customized newsletter as a template for future editions?

A: Yes. First make any changes you want to this newsletter, then click Save As on the File menu. Choose Document Template from the Save as type drop down list (the extension should change from .doc to .dot). Save the file under a new name. Next time you want to create a newsletter, choose New from the File menu, then choose your template.

